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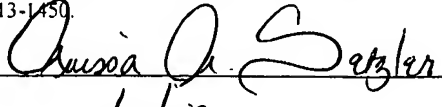
**AMENDMENT**

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This is in response to the office action mailed August 20, 2008. Per the petition and fee submitted herewith, the response deadline has been extended 2 months to January 21, 2009 (January 20 being a PTO holiday). The fee for one excess independent claim is also submitted. No further fee is believed to be due for this response. If any further fees are due, please charge deposit account 50-0573.

Kindly amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 3. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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